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Dear Sir:

RE: USSN 09/926,805
Overexpression in Yeast and Plants of a Gene Encoding Glycerol-3-phosphate
Acyltransferase

The following is further to our response filed February 13 and our subsequent letter of March 7, 2006.

As discussed in our letter of March 7, 2006, a request for continued examination together with a two month extension fee was faxed to the USPTO together with the instructions to charge the RCE and extension fees to our corporate credit card on February 13, 2006. A copy of this request is enclosed.

We note that these documents were received by the USPTO because on or about February 21, our accounting department received a telephone call regarding there being a problem with the credit card information. Our accounting department confirmed the credit card number and the USPTO representative indicated that they would try the credit card again and if any further problems were encountered there they would contact us again directly.

No follow-up calls were received however, we note that the charge was never applied to our credit card. We note that this is also the only time that this Visa card has ever been used to pay fees the USPTO.

Specifically, when we noted that no charges had been applied to the file by March 7, we reviewed the file and noted that there was an error in the serial number appearing on the forms. We therefore made corrections to the serial number and sent in our letter dated March 7 explaining

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how the problem had occurred and asking the Patent Office to charge the required fees to our deposit account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

We note that no replies or inquiries to our March 7 letter were received until we received a telephone call from the Examiner responsible for this file on about May 18 indicating that the application had come up for abandonment because no further reply had been received.

As documented in the attached, we did file the proper forms on February 13 for Requesting Continued Examination for the application which were received by the USPTO although there was a clerical error regarding the serial number. We then took steps to bring this to the attention of the USPTO on March 7 but apparently this information was not either not received or was not sent to the corresponding file.

As discussed above, we have discussed this situation with the Examiner who is anticipating the receipt of these documents.

As discussed in our March 7 letter, in the event that the previously authorized fees cannot be charged to our credit card the US Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$1240 to our deposit account 01-0310 which covers the fee of \$790 for the request and the fee of \$450 for the two month extension of time. In addition, the USPTO is authorized to charge any additional extension fees which may be required for this application although as discussed above, we note that the instructions were filed within the two month extension deadline and the clerical error was brought to the attention of the USPTO by March 7 which would be within the three month extension time period.

In the event that anything further is required, please contact the undersigned so that we can put this application back in good order for the request for continued examination to be processed.

Yours truly,

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By Ravinder K, Jain et al.

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We note that on February 13, 2006, a request for continuing examination together with a two month extension was faxed to the USPTO together with instructions to charge the RCE and extension fees to our credit card. Correct PTO-2038 forms were attached.

However, our accounting department received a telephone call from the USPTO on or about February 21, indicating that there was a problem encountered with the credit card information. Our accounting department then confirmed that the credit card information was correct and the USPTO representative indicated that they would try the credit card number again and if any further problems were encountered that they would contact us again directly. As no follow up calls were received we assumed that the transaction had proceeded.

However, on consultation with our credit card company, we note that these charges have not yet reached our credit card. As can be understood, we are concerned that there remained a problem with charging the fees to our credit card or that additional other problems had been encountered.

Furthermore, on reviewing the application details, we note that the response and the fax cover all contained an error in that they erroneously indicate the serial number of the application as 09/926,895 when the correct serial number is 09/925,805. Copies of the documents originally submitted together with the auto reply facsimile transmission are enclosed herewith. As can be seen, the correction to the serial number has been entered by hand to assist the USPTO in properly identifying this application.

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We apologize for any inconvenience that this has caused. However, we do note that the application was correctly identified by filing date, examiner name, inventor names and title.

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